

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Madam President and members, just a couple more comments and I'm not going to talk any more on this, but, Senator Chambers, I know you talked about some low rent housing and, believe me, we don't do everything right in Scottsbluff and Gering, but I guess the point is we've done some of these projects but they haven't necessarily been at the expense of some of the other needs of the community and we have done that through assistance from cities across the state. A couple examples is, is the Lincoln Indian Center located an office in western Nebraska because they seen a need there with Native Americans and, because of their assistance, we just finished eight low cost housing units, rentals, that are strictly for Native Americans. Because of federal funding, we had...we get remodeling for eight Hispanic homes, that upgraded those. State Department of Economic Development and the Lincoln Indian Center has assisted in western Nebraska putting together a Community Development Commission. A lot of local folk got together and they've attracted about 300,000 dollars for low cost housing. Because you're doing some of these other projects, like civic centers and so forth, it's not always at the expense, and doesn't have to be at the expense, of some of the other needs in your community. Those continue to go on. And the other thing I would say to perhaps Senator Vrtiska and some of those that are concerned about people in your district going to Omaha or some place else and spending some money that's going to cost sales tax, I don't know of any of us that live within our own communities any more. Scottsbluff and Gering, we'll go out and shop at Cheyenne or Denver or South Dakota and we spend it out of state. We don't even spend it in state. I go to Omaha shopping when I'm in Lincoln and they tell me, well, to go Kansas City, go to Des Moines, go to Chicago. Where people spend their money is because of goods and services, not because of where the town necessarily is located or because they have the loyalty to shop at home, because that doesn't happen any more and, for those reasons and many others, at this point I'm going to oppose Senator Chambers' amendment and, if I have the opportunity, I will support Senator Ashford's.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President and members, I've been sitting here listening and I was just thinking if some of my people back home heard the news that I voted against a sales tax